

**BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM Thursday, January 8, 2009 *(Meeting date is one week late due to New Year's Day)*

PLACE: Boulevard Community Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Road

CALL TO ORDER 2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM / ROLL CALL

1. Cheryl Lenz 2. Pat Stuart 3. Jeffrey McKernan 4. Donna Tisdale

5. Bill Parsons 6. Darlene Koczka 7. Chris Noland

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4. CORRESPONDENCE:

5 NEW BUSINESS:

A. ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Group members will nominate and elect members to serve as Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary through 2009.

B. COUNTY DRAFT GENERAL PLAN: The Draft General Plan will be reviewed and discussed. The proposed General Plan update would reduce growth by 15 % while still allowing, up to 198,000 more people to live in the unincorporated communities that now house 491,800 people. It contains numerous goals and policies aimed at respecting community character, climate change, infrastructure planning and environmental protection. The plan's seven elements include: Land Use, Mobility, Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Safety and Noise. A vote will be taken on submitting formal comments which are due January 31.

6 .OLD BUSINESS - UPDATES - POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. BLM'S RECORD OF DECISION (ROD) DOWNGRADING MCCAIN VALLEY FOR WIND TURBINES AND SUNRISE POWERLINK ROUTE. A legal challenge is expected to be filed in late December.

B. SUNRISE POWERLINK CPUC DECISIONS: A report will be made on the PUC's vote taken Dec 18 or 19th.

C. IBERDROLA RENEWABLES \$400 MILLION TULE WIND PROJECT PROPOSED FOR MCCAIN VALLEY:

Iberdrola expects to initiate the joint NEPA/CEQA review of their industrial wind project after the first of the year.

D. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA FOR LA RUMOROSA WIND/ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (DOE docket no. PP-334): DOE decision is still pending on whether or not to require a full EIS for this project.

E. SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED FOR NEW WIND GENERATION PROJECTS: SDG&E has not yet filed this application with the CPUC.

F. PROPOSED CAMPO LANDFILL: The Supplemental EIS is still pending release for public comment.

G. COUNTY ACTION TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS ON WIND TESTING (MET) TOWERS (POD 08-015): Report will be made on the December 19th Planning Commission hearing, and any new information on illegal MET tower.

H. LANSING AND HAMANN COMPANIES: There will be a discussion regarding what these two development companies, and associated individuals, are reportedly doing to support/promote large scale renewable energy and transmission line projects in Boulevard, on and near their combined acreage which is close to 10,000 acres.

I. INVENERGY WIND: Update will be given on any new information, including private property leases.

J. MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN: A new draft map and handouts will be reviewed and discussed.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Public comment. The Group cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment may be taken out of order upon request.

8. ADJOURNMENT For info contact: Donna Tisdale, Chair 619-766-4170 or donnatisdale@hughes.net

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D. 200 MW INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY PROPOSED IN MCCAIN VALLEY: An update was given. PPM Energy/Iberdrola Renewables is revising their previous Plan of Development to enlarge their project to incorporate the increased acreage that BLM downgraded for them. They are scheduled to present their plans at Planning Group's December 4th meeting. No action taken.

E. SEMPRA'S BAJA WIND APPLICATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT FOR CROSS-BORDER 500KV LINE AT JACUMBA (DOE docket no. PP-334): A decision is pending from the Dept. Of Energy on whether or not to require a full EIS. DOE has reported no movement has been made on this project. DOE may be waiting for a final decision on the Sunrise Powerlink which is a connected transmission project. No action taken.

F. SDG&E'S PROPOSED ECO SUBSTATION AND 14 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE REQUIRED FOR WIND GENERATION PROJECTS: The Boulevard Substation at Tule Jim and Historic Rt 80 is also proposed to be expanded from 1/4 acre to 3/4 acre onto private property. According to the SDG&E project manager, they had not yet filed applications with the PUC. No action taken.

G. WEST-WIDE ENERGY CORRIDOR PROGRAMMATIC EIS: The Chair reported on the Final maps being released with a December comment deadline. The same route is proposed through the area using the existing BLM utility corridor through the Jacumba area. Existing 69 kV routes are used through other properties and the Cleveland National Forest. ***This issue will be placed on the December agenda for action.***

H.CAMPO LANDFILL: Release of the Supplemental EIS (SEIS), for public comment, for this 600-acre landfill proposed for Campo tribal lands has been further delayed until after the first of the year. In a new development, several site-specific waiver applications, to allow deviation from standard federal landfill regulations, will be included in the SEIS rather than being reviewed separately

I. LANSING COMPANIES: No new information is available on Lansing's plans.

J. INVENERGY WIND: No new information is available on Invenergy's plans. They appear to be active locally. Public records show that at least two Boulevard property owners have signed easement agreements.

K. PROPOSED CHANGES FOR METEOROLOGICAL TOWERS FOR WIND ENERGY TESTING: This issue was discussed. There are major concerns that these met towers represent the foot in the door for industrial wind proponents to change the rules and regulations to allow industrial scale turbines (400-600' tall) on private property, where 80' restrictions currently exist. Chris Noland noted that the 120 days the Board of Supervisors had asked for in returning this item with potential options on permitting met towers (removing the current MUP requirement) was almost up and requested that the item be placed on the December agenda for proactive action.

There was no public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by: _____ Donna Tisdale, Chair 11-26-08